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Sunday 1st Message

He Has Sent Me

Is 61:1-7

Because the problems humans face due to Original Sin are invisible, few people acknowledge them. However, it is clear that fate and curse have befallen humanity, and these are the root causes of all problems. Spiritual eyes do not open until the gospel enters the heart. That is why so many people remain completely unaware even when Satan is at work and demons take hold, and do not recognize mental health issues as spiritual problems.

If you truly understand the covenant, things like this will not happen. What Christ did was to complete the path that frees humanity from the curse. The blood of the covenant has the power to crush the serpent's head and frees humanity from curses and disasters. It also enables us to enjoy God 24 hours a day.

When you proclaim and confess this covenant, your spiritual problems will be resolved. Worship is gathering in the sanctuary with this covenant and calling upon the Lord's name. If you offer this worship with all your heart, God will answer you as he has promised. For those who persist in worship that holds to the covenant, there is no Satan who can stand against them.

There are many wonderful people in the world. However, there are very few who are experts in Christ. That is why we are needed. The kind of person God needs is someone who has expert knowledge of Christ and rescues people through his covenant. We are the ones who have the answers. We are the ones who hold the key. We are the ones who know the way to resolve all human suffering. At the decisive moment, we use that key to open the door.

God continues to do three things unchanged even today: he fulfills his word, answers our prayers, and accomplishes the work of salvation. I pray that we may once again find the grace to refocus our hearts and enter into worship. May this be a time when we receive the word, live according to it, witness the answers to our prayers, and become the witnesses ourselves. God will give us his word again today. When he does, he will have done all he needs to do for us, and we will no longer be needed. The word alone is the end of everything.

1. **He Has Sent Me**
    1) Today's passage tells us that God has sent me, the bearer of the gospel, to bind up the brokenhearted. It says he has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound. This is God's promise of what he will do through us. Verse 2 tells us that, in addition to the year of the Lord's favor, there is also a day of vengeance of our God. It refers to the day when he will deliver us from all curses and disasters and enable us to triumph.
    2) Verse 3 speaks of an amazing promise of restoration. It is a promise that will be given to everyone who takes hold of Christ's precious blood as the covenant, enjoys it, and fights the battle. It says that he will give the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit and that they may be called oaks of righteousness that he may be glorified. Verse 1 explains that this is because the Spirit of the Lord God is upon me and anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
    3) It means that the Spirit of the Lord has come upon me to proclaim good news, the Gospel. And he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.
    4) And in verse 4, he promises to repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations; in verse 5, "Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers." In verse 6, he promises that "you shall be called the priests of

the Lord; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations." In verse 7, he says that instead of shame there will be a double portion and possess a double portion in their land.

5) This is a truly amazing and grateful promise. It is something that many people - such as Joseph, Moses, David, and Paul - enjoyed. If we look closely at what they have in common, we too can enjoy these blessings. It goes without saying, but first and foremost is an accurate understanding of the gospel. Joseph and Moses received it through their parents; David received it through deep prayer and praise; and Paul received it directly from God. At that moment, this gospel became a lifelong covenant for them.
6) Second, they were all people dedicated to world evangelization. This means they lived lives as evangelists and were people who were in tune with God's will. Evangelism, along with the gospel, is one of the most important foundations. In God's eyes, those who seek to share this gospel are truly precious.
7) The third characteristic of these people was that they received the word frequently. They obeyed that word, and it always worked miracles in their lives. These three things are the foundation for experiencing answers to prayer and living a life like the one described in today's passage. They are the fundamentals that every believer should naturally take to heart and pray about; no matter how weak one may be if one succeeds in these three things, anyone can live a life like the one described in the Bible.
8) And these three things are not difficult. Since we already possess the gospel in its entirety, if we simply enjoy it sincerely, one day God's desire will take root within us. When this happens, anyone can become someone whose will is in harmony with God's and to those who enjoy the gospel in this way, God gives his word.
9) The differences between Abraham and Lot led to different outcomes in their lives. The same was true of the differences between King David and King Saul, between Joseph and his brothers, and between Moses and the people who grumbled in the wilderness. What is most regrettable is that the difference between Apostle Paul and Peter also stemmed from these three points. It was a difference in mindset caused not by a difference in actions, but by a difference in their understanding of the covenant.
10) God promises to send us, who carry the gospel, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound. Who will receive this blessing? It will be those who are already experiencing this healing, freedom, and liberation themselves. And it will be those whose hearts are attuned to God's desire, whose will is one with his. When our will is in harmony with God's, freedom comes. And it will be those who receive the word every week and follow it, so that this amazing desire of God may be fulfilled.
11) Therefore, those who regularly witness the miracles of the word being fulfilled in the field - and who, in response, are first restored themselves and then prepared to share that message of restoration - will see this blessing. It is not difficult. You simply need to avoid treating worship as a mere formality. Then you will receive the word, and it will transform you into a person who lives out the gospel more deeply and who understands the word's meaning more profoundly. In conclusion, those who pray with a willingness to receive the word and follow it will enjoy this blessing. May this blessing be upon all of us today.